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SUN 6 FEB 2022 **SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND THE PHARISEE;**

TROPARIA: **TROPARION OF THE RESURRECTION (Tone 4):** *The women disciples of the Lord... (p. 24)*

TROPARION OF ANN: *O divinely wise Ann... (p. 30)*

KONTAKION: **KONTAKION OF THE PUBLICAN & THE PHARISEE:** *Let us shun the boastful words of the Pharisee and learn from the Publican humility with sighing; let us cry out to our Savior: have mercy on us, you who alone are merciful.*

PROKIMENON: *Make vows to the Lord your God and fulfill them: let all around about him bring gifts to the awesome Lord*
Stichon: *God is renowned in Judah; in Israel, great is his name.*

EPISTLE: **2 TIMOTHY 3:10-15**

ALLELUIA: *Come, let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us sing joyfully to God our Savior!*
Stichon: *Let us greet his presence with thanksgiving; let us joyfully sing psalms to him.*

GOSPEL: **LUKE 18:10-14**

DIVINE LITURGY WILL BE CELEBRATED FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF: ✠ **LEILA NOUJAIM** (FREDRICK & RANDA ANTOUS); ✠ **EDWARD TOUMA** (JOHN & MAHA HANNA)

SUN. 13 FEB 2022: SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON

EPISTLE: 1 COR. 6:12-20 **GOSPEL: LUKE 15:11-32**

DIVINE LITURGY WILL BE CELEBRATED FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF: ✠ **LEILA NOUJAIM** (MRS. NUHAD HADDAD & FAMILY); ✠ **MARIA LEVENTOGIANNI** (JOSEPHINE NASSIF)

February 6 is the fifth day of the celebration of the Presentation. On this date we also commemorate our Holy Father Boukolos, Bishop of Smyrna. Boukolos was a disciple of the Apostle John and predecessor of Polycarp to the See of Smyrna. The Church of Antioch also celebrates on this day the memory of holy martyr, the physician Elian of Emessa in Syria. He was put to death under Emperor Numerianus (283-284).

This Sunday also begins the Triodion, the liturgical period that begins several weeks before Great Lent and extends to Holy Week. It is part of the Paschal (Easter) Cycle, which includes the Triodion, Great Lent, Holy Week, and the fifty days after Easter called the Pentecostarion. At the time of the transition from Jewish to Christian institutions, certain discrepancies existed among the churches as to the dates of celebration of the feasts of the Christian Sabbath. These differences were reconciled at the First Ecumenical Council of Nicea in the year 325. Easter was to be celebrated on the Sunday after the first full moon that follows March 20. The earliest possible day for Easter was then, as it is now, March 22, and the latest, April 25.

The ten weeks before Easter are called the **Triodion**, or period of the Three Odes, because during that time no more than three odes are sung at the Canon of Orthros (also called Matins). It includes the “Time Before Lent” (the Prophonisimon or “Herald of Lent”). It includes the weeks of the Pharisee and the Publican, the Prodigal Son, Meatfare, and Cheesefare. The lessons of the next two weeks are straight forward. The Sunday of the Pharisee and the Publican teaches us to avoid the pride of the Pharisee and imitate the humility of the Publican. The Sunday of the Prodigal Son calls to mind the misery flowing from sin and the goodness of God, who manifests his love in mercy.

Let us make good use of this exceptional season to respond to his call through the Prophet Zechariah: “Return to me ... and I will return to you.” *Zachariah 1:3*. It is not a possibility but a certitude. The more we give to God, the more we receive: mercy and grace overflowing. He will not be outdone in generosity.

A number of special donor opportunities are available for those interested, including:

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Interested Donors should contact Fr. Tom for information and options.

Sunday Collections:

1/2/2022 Reg: \$1,056 Fuel/Elec: \$193 Spec. Proj: \$20 1 st Envelope Offering: \$130 Fundraising: \$1,000	1/9/2022 Church closed due to Covid. All donations received via mail and PayPal credited to 1/16/2022	1/16/2022 Reg: \$1,801 Spec. Proj: \$86 Fuel/Elec: \$130 First Env. Offer: \$25	1/23/2022 Reg: \$3,486 Spec. Proj: \$2,200 Fuel/Elec: \$575 First Env. Offer: \$60	1/30/2022 Reg: \$1,529 Spec. Proj: \$10 Fuel/Elec: \$10 First Env. Offer: \$10
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- Josephine Nassif
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Lenten Schedule: An error appeared in the Lenten Liturgical Schedule enclosed in the most recent monthly envelope mailing. The correct schedule is:

- Monday, 2.28.22: Forgiveness Vespers @ 5:30 pm
- Monday 3.7, 3.14, 3.21, 3.28, and 4.4: Compline @ 5:30 pm
- Wednesday 3.2, 3.9, 3.16, 3.23, 3.30 and 4.6: Presanctified Liturgy @ 5:30 pm
- Friday 3.4, 3.11, 3.18 and 4.1: Akathist Hymn @ 5:30 pm
- Friday 3.25: Divine Liturgy (Annunciation) @5:30 pm

The Holy Week Schedule will appear in the bulletin during Great Lent at least two weeks in advance.